

PRODIGES FOUND IN ORPHAN HOMES

Boys and Girls Expert in Many Lines—Gardening, Arithmetic, and Music.

Marjorie Lockett, six years old, expert in Arithmetic.
Aubrey Reed, ten years old, master of mathematics.
Matthew Hannratty, thirteen years old, floriculturist.
Leta Thran, fourteen years old, composer and dramatist.
Freddie Hill, seventeen years old, deaf and dumb enigma.

Children of unusual intelligence are not hard to find in the orphan asylums and orphanages of the District, but the foregoing, two girls and three boys, are selected for their wonderful abilities in chosen lines.

Little Marjorie Lockett is a second grade pupil in the Washington City Hospital and she has already mastered most of the tables of her arithmetic. "He's red-headed and as bright as his hair," announced Sister Sarah, in charge of St. John's Orphanage, in explaining that Aubrey Reed is considered the brightest youngster among the large family of intelligent youths at the institution. Young Aubrey has already passed through the percentage tables of the arithmetic studied at the orphanage, and he is not past his tenth year.

Boy Expert Gardener.

There are numerous flower gardens at the German Orphan Asylum on Good Hope road, Anacostia, but none are more artistically arranged and contain better samples of various flowers than that made possible by Matthew Hannratty.

And a large portion of the enjoyment that abounds in the German orphanage is due to the cleverness of Leta Thran, the fourteen-year-old wonder who ranks as the most remarkable prodigy in the homes and orphanages of the District.

The Episcopal Home for Children, also at Anacostia, boasts of a deaf and dumb lad, Freddie Hill, who has practically been restored to talking and hearing.

Miss Thran is the daughter of Mrs. Johanna Thran, who died last year. She has been at the German Orphan Asylum for the past seven years. Her hobby is music, and she has long since progressed past the elementary stage of her musical education. There is no celebration at the institution without the extraordinary intelligence of Miss Thran being in evidence. For them she either composes marches for the children, in which she supplies the words as well as the music, or playlets and drills are evolved from her brilliant mind. Her most pretentious work in drama building was a sketch in which five little children appeared, each with a realistic part, the dialogue of each character and outlining to the minutest detail the scene and "properties" for the performance. "We Are All Little Children," a singing number to march time, written to accompany a drill of the children, is considered by Superintendent Prell to be Miss Thran's best musical composition. The superintendent states that his prodigy does not slight other branches of learning to give time to her musical talents, but that she is especially bright in all studies.

Claim To Distinction.

The other claim to distinction for the German institution is found in the person of Matthew Hannratty, the thirteen-year-old lad whose garden in the institution grounds stands out as the most attractive of all—and each student has a garden. Young Hannratty is a floriculturist in every sense of the word. He selects his seed with the discretion of one much his senior. He personally plants every flower; gives the cultivation of each his painstaking attention, and the construction of fancy beds and artistic designs in his flower garden are really works of art. Especially attractive is the arrangement of the nasturtiums, roses and violets.

Freddie Hill has been an inmate of the Episcopal Home for Children, 1410 Talbot street, Anacostia, for nearly seventeen years, and the superintendent, Miss Davenport, is enthusiastic about him. Young Hill was accepted at the institution when a baby, and at that time he showed no indication of having the power of speech or hearing. Painstaking efforts to teach him even baby words were unavailing, but of late years a noticeable improvement has responded to the diligent application of the youth, combined with the efforts of his teachers. Freddie Hill today is one of the brightest pupils in Kendall Green School. While he is far from perfection in speech and hearing, he is more easily understood and can understand more freely. The lad's behavior differs little from that of other American boys—he is not backward nor shy—and he is endeavoring every day to more perfectly fit himself for the

VIRGINIANS TO VOTE ON BETTER ROADS

Special Election to Be Held to Determine Whether Highway From Alexandria to Mt. Vernon Should Be Improved. Work Would Cost \$90,000.

WASHINGTON TIMES BUREAU, ALEXANDRIA, VA., SEPT. 25.

Improvements to the roads of Fairfax county leading south from Alexandria, for thirty-one miles, to cost \$90,000, which will result in a modern thoroughfare practically all the way from Washington to Mount Vernon, will be decided by the voters of the Mount Vernon district of Fairfax county, at a special election, to be held on November 4. Judge J. B. T. Thornton, of the circuit court of Fairfax county, entered an order yesterday calling for the election to decide a bond issue of \$90,000, for the purpose of paying for the road improvements.

The roads to be improved and their length is as follows: Telegraph road, from railway crossing at Alexandria to Accotink creek, six-tenths mile; Potomac road, from Potomac river to Potomac creek, four-tenths mile; City of Alexandria, via River road, four and seven-tenths miles; Gum Springs to O'Sullivan's store, via Gravel road, four and five-tenths miles; Roll-

battles of life by applying his attention to useful books and occupations. He hears only a little, and talks surprisingly intelligent, and having thus progressed from a mute, he is the Episcopal Home's contribution to the orphan prodigies of the District.

Young Mathematicians.

The two youthful mathematicians, Miss Lockett, of the Washington City Hospital, and Aubrey Reed, at St. John's Orphanage, come under the classification of prodigies because of their keen intelligence with figures.

Little Miss Lockett, in her six years on this earth, has completed the first year in the kindergarten of the institution and is now one of the smartest pupils in the second year. In arithmetic she has mastered most of her tables, and is intent on making as rapid progress with the more difficult problems that are ahead of her.

Master Aubrey, freed from being bright on the top of his head, as Sister Sarah suggests, is the ten-year wonder of St. John's in the knowledge of figures. He has already mastered the percentage tables, and experienced no great difficulty. His teachers expect him to be the banner pupil of the institution for some time to come.

Would Extradite Traffickers.

Treaties with foreign nations to extradite "white slavers" were introduced in a House resolution introduced yesterday by Congressman French of Idaho. The resolution directs that Congress declare "white slavery" an extraditable offense, and direct Secretary of State Bryan to negotiate treaties for mutual extradition of procurers.

PASTOR RECOVERING FROM GAS POISON

The Rev. Mr. Webb, of Alabama, Overcome in Hotel, Will Be Able to Go Home Soon.

In Emergency Hospital today, the Rev. F. B. Webb, a Presbyterian minister, fifty-five years old, of Talladega, Ala., is recovering from the effects of being overcome by illuminating gas in a room at the Majestic Hotel, 700 Pennsylvania avenue northwest. He will be able to return to his home within the next few days.

The Rev. Mr. Webb said today that he was unable to explain how the gas came to be turned on or how he came to be a guest at the hotel, which is one of the small hotels in lower Pennsylvania avenue.

The minister was found in an unconscious condition shortly after 5 o'clock last evening and it required half an hour's work with the pulmotor by Dr. Ready, the ambulance surgeon, before he was resuscitated.

Here For Funeral.

Coming to Washington several days ago to attend the funeral of his brother, Wirt Webb, a promoter, who occupied an apartment in the Farragut Hotel, the Rev. Mr. Webb accompanied the body to Pennsylvania for burial, and returned to Washington late Wednesday night, intending to leave for Talladega yesterday. He had intended spending the night at one of the hotels further uptown, he said, but while walking up Pennsylvania avenue became fatigued and went into the Majestic to rest.

Completely worn out by the trip and also feeling dazed, he did not notice where he was and engaged a room. The odor of escaping gas attracted the policeman, Boswell, of the Sixth precinct. The officer opened an entrance to the room and found the minister unconscious in the gas-filled room. Gas was escaping from a jet on the wall which was partially turned on.

The Rev. Mr. Webb said that the only explanation he could give for the gas being on was that he had unknowingly turned the thumbcrew too far when he distinguished the light before returning.

Minister's Wife Notified.

Dr. Lewis K. Beatty, a friend of the family, and the physician who attended the minister's brother during his last illness, was notified and hurried to the hospital. He notified the minister's wife by telegram that illness had detained him here, but that he would return home in a few days.

Dr. Beatty stated that in addition to losing his brother, the Rev. Mr. Webb's sister recently met a tragic death in an automobile accident in Alabama.

Get License to Wed.

A marriage license was issued today in Baltimore to Haller James, age thirty-two, 305 S. street northeast, and Miss Anna Curtis, age twenty-four, also of Washington.

ANACOSTIANS TO SEEK TRANSFERS

Will Urge Exchange Between Capital and Washington Companies at Eighth and G Streets Southeast—Plan Appeal to Public Utilities Body If Plea to Roads Fails.

WASHINGTON TIMES BUREAU, ANACOSTIA, D. C., SEPT. 25.

An exchange of transfers between the Capital Traction Company and the Washington Railway and Electric Company at Eighth and G streets southeast will be urged on the management of the roads by Anacostians. They will propose the issuance of transfers on payment of 2 cents each.

This question was submitted to the two companies last fall by the Anacostia Citizens' Association, which is preparing to press the matter before the railroad and the Public Utilities Commission. Officers of the association say the 2-cent transfer will be satisfactory to the people of Anacostia, though if their efforts are not successful they will appeal to the Public Utilities body to order the issuance of free transfers.

The women of John A. Logan Corps No. 7, were entertained Wednesday by Mrs. Anna Quinn, the president, at her home on the Leifer estate in Virginia. The visitors from Washington and Anacostia were conveyed to the Quinn home in carriages. Dinner was served and a business meeting was held. A trip over the estate followed. Those present were Mrs. E. P. Watson, Mrs. Margaret Tew, Mrs. Jane McLane, Mrs. Hammill, Mrs. H. W. Eno, Mrs. J. K. Simpson, Mrs. Annie Smith, Mrs. A. B. Frieble, Mrs. Julia Dony, Mrs. Elizabeth Rube, Mrs. F. C. Haines, and William Tew.

President Charles R. Burr, of the Anacostia Citizens' Association, has appointed Dr. James A. Watson to procure a report on the plans for the construction in the Ketcham School, Fifteenth street and Good Hope road, of an inside fireproof stairway to the third story, and the building of an assembly hall. The work was to have been completed before the reopening of school.

Mrs. Bertha Haines, worthy matron of Electa Chapter, No. 4, Order of the Eastern Star, has appointed entertainment and refreshment committees to arrange for the annual visitation of the officers of the grand chapter on October 14. Mrs. Frances Frazier is the chairman of the former, and Mrs. L. J. Smith of the latter.

Before a large audience, St. Teresa's Dramatic Club presented the old English comedy, entitled "Caste," in Masonic Hall here last night. The players and their parts were Harry S. Green, Hon. George Dairay, John I. Sullivan, Captain Haurtey, Albert B. Havenner, Eccles, T. Gregory Borden, Sam. Gerridge, Miss Addie Wathen, the Marquise de St. Maur, Miss Agnes Reagan, Polly, and Miss Gertrude Farrell. Esther. A dance followed the play.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton J. Fillius entertained the members of Camp No. 8, Patriotic Order of Americans, and many members of other camps in the city

"QUO VADIS" SHOWN AT COLUMBIA AGAIN

Magnificent Motion Pictures Fill Balance of Week Left by Marceline.

Opening its limited engagement last night at the Columbia Theater, the "Quo Vadis" management presented the wonderful motion pictures that attracted such crowds to the F street playhouse when they were exhibited there a week ago.

Though the engagement was arranged in less than an hour by the Columbia management, and though the announcement had only appeared once in the newspapers, the house was crowded last night. There will be daily mat-

nees during the remainder of the week with nightly showings. The untold for return was due to the closing of indoor circus. As soon as was reached that the Mar should go, Frederick Berger of the Klein Company in New York by distance telephone, with the result the curtain went up on the "Quo Vadis" pictures last night on schedule time.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of Dr. J. C. Williams

RANDOLPH HIGHLANDS
CAPITAL OF U.S.
WHITE HOUSE

Watch for a city—Randolph Highlands

Remember the Name
DR. WHITE



Lowest Prices
Easy Payments

PLATES

THAT NEVER \$5
SLIP OR
DROP
LOWEST
COST
LONGEST
WEAR



Fit Guaranteed

GOLD CROWNS, BRIDGEWORK, \$3, \$4 and \$5

Fillings, 50c and \$1 in Gold, Silver and Platinum.

PAINLESS EXTRACTION FREE WITH OTHER WORK

PAINLESS DENTISTRY

You may not know that your teeth have cavities in them now. But you will know it in a very short time to your sorrow. I fix any kind of cavity from the least to the largest by absolutely painless methods, and I will give you a written guarantee of satisfaction for 20 years. Lady attendant always in waiting.

DR. WHITE, PAINLESS DENTIST

407 Seventh Street N. W. Opposite Woolworth's

Hours: 8:30 to 6; Sundays 10 to 1; Wed. and Sat. Until 8 P. M. Phone Main 19.


3% PAID IN SAVINGS DEPT.

For Every Dollar You Spend

you should have an absolute receipt and record.

This is what you obtain when you carry a checking account with the Union Trust Company. In addition you receive 2% interest on your money and your funds are safeguarded by Capital and Surplus of \$2,300,000.00.

EDWARD J. STELLWAGEN, Pres.



UNION TRUST CO.
CAPITAL & SURPLUS \$2,300,000.00

Pennsylvania Avenue

Saks & Company

Seventh Street

The Biggest Hat Sale That Was Ever Held!

There can be no two opinions about this—for the character and quality speak for the Hats—and the remarkable price puts this selling in a class that even we—with the long list of big events to our credit—have never approached.

They are the Sample Soft and Derby Hats of the most celebrated American makers—who make nothing but the highest-grade Hats—whose shapes are famous for their snap and style—and whose name is the Sterling stamp of all Haidom.

Every block that is comprised in this season's line is represented in this assortment—all the most effective novelties—all the refined staple shapes—and being Sample Hats they are sure to be critically perfect in every detail of make, finish and proportion.

They Are the Hats That Are Retailed in Every Exclusive Shop in the Country at \$5.00, \$6.00 and \$7.00

Your Choice for Friday and Saturday \$2.35

There are only 960 of these Hats—that's why we have limited the sale to two days. And you'd better come promptly at that—for 960 such Hats as these—at such a price—are all too few for the demand that's sure to follow.

